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Zandi, et al.)
Application No: 08/941,466)
Filed: September 30, 1997)
For: METHOD FOR COMPRESSION USING)
REVERSIBLE EMBEDDED WAVELETS)

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Thus, claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13 and 15-52 are pending.

Claims 1, 4-8, 12, 13 and 15-38 were rejected as being unpatentable over the combination of Jerome M. Shapiro "Embedded Image Coding Using Zerotrees of Wavelet Coefficients," IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, Vol. 41, No. 12, pp. 3445-3462 December 1993 (*Shapiro*) in view of J. W. Woods and S. D. O'Neil, "Subband coding of images," IEEE Trans. Acoustics, Speech, and Sig. Proc., vol. 34, pp. 1278-1288, Oct. 1986 (*Woods*) and U.S. Patent No. 5,455,874 issued to Ormsby, et al.